

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This Amendment is in response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated January 18, 2008 and supplements the Amendment filed October 26, 2007, in the above-referenced application. The Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment indicated that each claim had not been provided with the proper status identifier. Specifically, claim 3 of the amendment filed on January 18, 2008 was labeled as previously presented, but included an underline designating the addition of a space between the words “polynucleotide” and “consisting.” Applicant thanks the Examiner for the careful review of the Amendment.

Applicants note that the underline in claim 3 was inadvertently carried over from the amendment that was filed on April 18, 2007. Thus, the underline between the words “polynucleotide” and “consisting” was a typographical error. As such, claim 3 was not amended by the response filed on January 18, 2008 (or the present response). The inadvertent underline has been removed from claim 3 and correctly identified as “previously presented”. Applicants note that claim 3, as currently pending, was introduced in the amendment dated April 18, 2007.

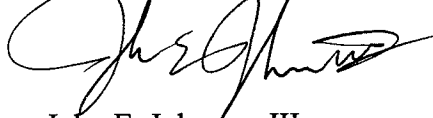
Applicants thank the Examiner for noting that claim 5 would be objected to for merely reciting “consists of”. Accordingly, Applicants have amended claim 5 to recite “which consists of”.

Applicants respectfully submit that the foregoing claim listing identifies all claims with the proper status identifier, and the claims are otherwise presented in their same substantive form as the Amendment dated October 26, 2007.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 CFR § 1.136(a), and any fee required therefore (including fees for net addition of claims) is hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account No. 16-0605.

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